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TAGS: ETRC, BDIS, BAGB, LE
SUBJ: REGIE DEBTS TO U.S. LEAF GROWERS; DICKINSON CASE

REF: BEIRUT 1451

1. REGIE DES TABACS PRESIDENT JACQUES DAGHER TELEPHONED
ECONOFF TODAY 3/21 TO CONFIRM REGIE WILL TELEX DICKINSON
40 PERCENT OF INDEBTEDNESS IMMEDIATELY WITH FURTHER 20 PERCENT
TO FOLLOW IN THREE WEEKS. REGIE FEELS IT SHOULD NOT OFFER FULL
PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OUTSTANDING TRADE COMPLAINT IT
HAS AGAINST DICKINSON.

2. REGIE CLAIMS THAT DICKINSON SHIPPED TOBACCO IN 1975 WHICH
ON ARRIVAL IN LEBANON WAS FOUND TO BE BELOW QUALITY
STIPULATED IN CONTRACT. IN ROUND FIGURES, DAGHER SAID,
THE APPROPRIATE PRICE ADJUSTMENT IS APPROXIMATELY \$7,300-\$7,500
DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PRICE OF
"VIRGINIA" LEAF COMPONENT AND 2-3 PERCENT REDUCTION ON "BURLEY"
LEAF COMPONENT OF SHIPMENT. ALTHOUGH LEBANESE HOSTILITIES
INTERRUPTED REGIE-DICKINSON CORRESPONDENCE ON THE MATTER,
REGIE SAYS IT HAS ITS PRE-WAR FILE IN ORDER AND CLAIMS THAT
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DICKINSON WELL AWARE THAT MATTER WAS NEVER RESOLVED. REGIE
HAS ASKED THAT IN NOTIFYING DICKINSON OF FORTHCOMING PAYMENT,
USG ALSO RAISE QUESTION OF REGIE'S COUNTERCLAIM.

COMMENT: WE HAVE CHECKED RECORDS AND FIND NOTHING INDICATING
A REGIE COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST DICKINSON. IF ONE IN FACT
EXISTS IN DICKINSON-REGIE CORRESPONDENCE, IT IS NOT

IMPOSSIBLE THAT DICKINSON HAS ALREADY MADE A COMPENSATORY
ADJUSTMENT IN ITS CLAIM AGAINST REGIE REFLECTING THE FACT.
REGIE IN ANY CASE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM
DICKINSON OF WILLINGNESS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER DIRECTLY.
IF YOU CAN OBTAIN ONE IN THE COURSE OF SPEAKING TO
DICKINSON, PLEASE ADVISE.
PARKER

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